Government of Maharashtra regarding the problems being faced by 50 cooperative spinning mills which are to be set up in the cotton belt of Maharashtra during the 8th plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly financial support required from the central financing institutions like IDBI, IFCI and ICICI for sanction of long term leans;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure land encourage industrial growth in cooperative sector in rural areas and results achieved so far; and

(d) what specific actions have been taken/proposed to be taken to extend financial support for development of spinning mills in cooperative sector?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) (a) and (b) Central Financial Institutions like IFCI, IDBI and ICICI have received proposal for setting up of 50 cooperative spinning mills in Maharashtra. Their proposal is for financial assistance.

(c) and (d) As per liberalised Industrial Policy, announced vide Notification S.O. No. 477(E) dated 25.7.91, there is no restriction for setting up of cotton textile mills subject to certain locational restriction irrespective of whether in public, private or cooperative sector.

Hikes in prices of Nylon filament and polyester filament Yarn

7906. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of steep price hikes by both nylon filament yarn (NFY) and polyester filament yarn (PFY) producers despite excise and customs duty concessions;

(b) if so, whether Government have received protests/representations to this effect and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the action taken thereon and the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Representations have been received from the industry against increase in prices of both nylon filament yarn and polyester filament yarn. Suggestions have been made to bring down the price of such yarn through policy interventions.

(c) The price of these yarns are determined by market forces. The Government has, however, taken a decision to have the present structure of the industry studied by the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices. The study would also cover factors relating to costs and prices.

Use of Chemicals dyes in textiles manufacture

7907. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the German Government have imposed a ban on the import, sale and distribution of textiles made with certain dyes believed to be carcinogenic; and

(b) if so, what steps, if any, Government propose to take to stop the use of these dyes in the manufacture of textiles both for the export and domestic markets?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) The German Government has enacted a legislation according to which a textile product whose contact with human body is intended to be not merely of temporary nature and which has been dyed and printed with certain azo dyes which can re-